



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

APRIL 6, 2009

This quarterly report of the activities of the Fiscal Review Committee during the FIRST quarter of calendar year 2009 is submitted pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-7-105.

Committee Organization and Election of Officers

The Committee met on February 23, 2009, to organize and elect officers for the 106th General Assembly, and to hear testimony on proposed non-competitive contracts. Senator Bill Ketron was elected Chairman and Representative Charles Curtiss was elected Vice-Chairman. Chairman Ketron announced his intention to appoint officers and members of the Contract Services Subcommittee at a later date. James W. White was re-elected as Executive Director of the Committee.

Proposed Non-Competitive Contracts

On February 23 and March 23, the Committee heard testimony on proposed non-competitive contracts from several departments. Based on the testimony on February 23, the Committee adopted a policy of requesting specific information, including

quantitative analysis, of the savings that a department estimates will result from a non-competitive contract relative to competitive procurement, providing the services with existing state employees, or other options. The staff has begun requesting this information on each proposed contract and includes its own analysis of potential savings, if any, from each contract.

Fiscal Notes

Pursuant to its statutory responsibilities, the Committee staff completed writing fiscal notes on all general bills and resolutions on April 3, 2009. The staff has written 2,450 fiscal notes through April 3. In addition, the staff is preparing fiscal memoranda on amendments to bills. This responsibility will continue through the end of the legislative session. A weekly cumulative fiscal note is being prepared for public chapters as they are assigned. The cumulative note is e-mailed to all members of the General Assembly and is posted on the Committee's web page.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Ketron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bill Ketron, Senator
Chairman, Fiscal Review Committee